

## BORAN CATTLE BREEDERS' SOCIETY (BCBS)

Rules - Revised 1990/1991  
(Incorporating amendments made between 1993 to 1998)  
(updated 2002)

### Rule 1: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply.

Owner: The owner of an animal is the person or body:

- a) In whose name the animal is registered in the Kenya Stud Book.
- b) Who submits proof that the animal is eligible for registration in his name.

Breeder: The breeder shall be deemed to be the owner of the calf at the time of its birth.

### Rule 2: THE HERD BOOK

The registration of the particulars of Boran cattle shall be recorded in the herd book of the Kenya Stud Book in the following sections:

- I) Foundation Register.
- II) Pure-bred Register.
- III) Pedigree Register.

The Kenya Stud Book shall also record birth notification.

### Rule 3: APPLICATION FOR HERD REGISTRATION

To register stock with the Kenya Stud Book an owner should first apply for registration of the herd. The Kenya Stud Book and the Boran Cattle Breeders' Society (BCBS) must be notified of the system of identification used in the herd. i.e. Position of numeral and letter brands and ear marks. A herd prefix will then be given.

### Rule 4: IDENTIFICATION OF STOCK FOR REGISTRATION

It is recognized that different systems for identification of cattle are practiced and it is not the intention of the Boran Cattle Breeders' Society to impose a standardized method. However, the following guidelines are recommended.

- a) Legible, permanent ear tattoos showing herd prefix, serial number and year code. Tattoos should be applied within one month of birth.
- b) Legible, hot branded serial numbers, applied at weaning.

- c) Farm brand registered in the Government brands register.
- d) Ear marks for determining age.
- e) Eartags of any description are not approved.

In cases of confused identity BCBS inspectors will withhold approval for registration.

- f) The Boran Cattle Breeders' Society mark for registered cattle is a circle of 1 1/2 inch diameter with a 3/8 inch central dot. Every animal inspected and passed for registration shall be branded with this mark behind the hump on the left (near) side. The brand shall be applied in the presence of the inspecting panel member.

**Rule 5: REGISTRATION BY THE KENYA STUD BOOK**

- a) No animal shall be registered by the Kenya Stud Book unless and until it has been inspected and approved by a member of Boran Cattle Breeders' Society panel of inspectors.
- b) No animal shall be inspected for registration until it has attained the age of two years.
- c) No animal shall be registered after it has attained the age of three years except as specified in the conditions applying to the Foundation Register.
- d) An animal previously turned down shall not be re-presented for inspection.

Subject to the fulfillment of the above conditions, Boran cattle shall be eligible for registration as follows:-

**I. Foundation Register**

Typical Boran cattle conforming to the standard which may be laid down by the BCBS shall be eligible for registration in the Foundation Register.

Female animals two years of age or over may be accepted.

With effect from 4th October 1990 the Foundation Register is closed to bulls other than the progeny of both a registered sire and a registered dam and for which birth notification has been submitted.

**EXCEPT UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

Where in the unanimous opinion of a panel of three inspectors, a bull is considered to be of such genetic merit to be of benefit to the breed, it may be registered as Foundation. A fee of Sh. 5,000/= to be levied by the Executive Committee at the time of application. This fee will be revisable and non-refundable.

The BCBS executive committee may close or open the Foundation Register as may be deemed necessary.

**II. Pure-Bred Register**

Typical Boran cattle for which birth notification has previously been submitted and the sire and dam of which are registered shall be eligible for registration in the Pure-bred register or Foundation register.

### III. Pedigree Register

Typical Boran cattle for which birth notification has been submitted shall be eligible for the pedigree register or any lower register, provided they are the progeny of either:

- i) A Pure-bred sire and a Pure-bred dam, or
- ii) A Pure-bred sire and a Pedigree dam, or
- iii) A Pedigree sire and a Pure-bred dam, or
- iv) A Pedigree sire and a Pedigree dam.

#### Rule 6: BIRTH NOTIFICATION - PROCEDURE

The progeny of a registered sire and dam, being eligible for registration, must be recorded with the Kenya Stud Book within 30 (thirty) days of its date of birth. Such notification shall give details of:-

- a) Date of birth.
- b) Ear tattoo number .
- c) Description of calf.

Failure to notify as required will bar the animal from registration as Pure-bred or Pedigree.

#### Rule 7: LATE BIRTH NOTIFICATION AND LATE REGISTRATION

Inspection and registration may be granted for eligible animals in certain cases of lateness. (Rule 5 (c) and Rule 6). Application shall be made to the Executive Committee of BCBS. A late fee of 200/= per head will be payable to the Society in addition to the normal inspection charges.

#### Rule 8: INSPECTION - PROCEDURE & CHARGES

- a) Application for an inspection visit shall be made by the owner to a member of the Boran Cattle Breeders' Society panel of inspectors and arrangements made accordingly.
- b) An inspector may charge the owner for mileage.
- c) On completion of inspection an animal passed for registration shall be branded as stipulated in Rule 4(f). The registration application form duly completed and signed by the inspector shall now be forwarded by the owner to the Kenya Stud Book.
- d) The inspector shall inform the BCBS treasurer that the inspection has indeed been carried out.
- e) Inspection may be refused if the owner is a debtor to either the Kenya Stud Book or the Boran Cattle Breeders' Society.

Rule 9:            KENYA STUD BOOK REGISTRATION FEE

A registration fee as determined by the Kenya Stud Book shall be payable by the owner. The Kenya Stud Book will be responsible for invoicing and collecting this fee on receipt of completed registration application.

Rule 10:          DISPUTES

Any member aggrieved by the decision of an inspector may appeal in writing to the Executive Committee. Such appeal to be accompanied by a non-refundable payment of Shs.   /= . The Executive Committee shall appoint two other panel inspectors to adjudicate the dispute. Their decision shall be final. These panel members will be entitled to claim mileage from the member concerned.

Rule 11:          RECORDS TO BE KEPT

An owner shall be required to keep a herd register comprising identification, description, date of birth, date of weaning and parentage of each registered animal. These records shall be comprehensive and subject to scrutiny by the Kenya Stud Book.

Rule 12:          TRANSFER AND CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Notification of change of ownership shall be submitted by the seller to the Kenya Stud Book within sixty days of such change in the form set out on the Registration Certificate.

Rule 13:          SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR PROGENY GOT BY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- a) All semen used must be derived from bulls registered with the Kenya Stud Book.
- b) Private importation of semen must be referred through the Breed Society to the Kenya Stud Book for permission to register progeny got by such bulls.
- c) Breeders are required to comply with Kenya Stud Book rules concerning Service Returns for inseminations using semen from C.A.I.S. Kabete or private importations.
- d) Inseminations using semen collected from and used exclusively in a breeders own herd will be regarded as natural service.
- e) It is illegal to use semen collected from a herd of different ownership. Permission must first be sought from the Director of Veterinary Services and the Kenya Stud Book. Application must be supported by the BCBS.

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